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Docket No. 58576 (48497)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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U.S.S.N.:	10/804,470	GROUP:	1634
FILED:	March 18, 2004	Conf. No.	7227
FOR:	METHODS FOR IMPROVED SPECIFICITY IN PROBE BASED ASSAYS		

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 11, 2006, applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, claims 1 - 21, for continued examination, with traverse. Applicants submit that no undue burden is placed on the office in searching the polynucleotides and the method beyond that incurred by searching one or the other separately.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any credits or deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

Dated: February 3, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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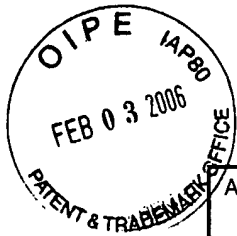
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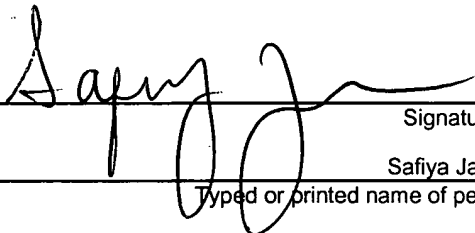
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